Dear Parents and Carers,

**Kindergarten 2016 Orientation**

Our 2016 Kindergarten transition program commenced last Wednesday and was a great success. Students arrived at school at 9:10am and spent a fun filled morning listening to stories and exploring the school.

The program runs for eight consecutive school weeks, finishing on Wednesday 28th October. Each child received their ‘I’m going to big school @Mullumbimby Public School’ tee-shirt and wore them proudly.

Please call the school or check the ‘2016 Kindergarten’ tab on our website as soon as possible if you have a child starting school next year and would like to be involved in the program.

**K-2 Sports Day**

Our Infants Sports Carnival will be on Friday 11th September. Children from Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in age races, marathon races and team relays. After lunch, we have a variety of challenging, fun games and relays.

We invite all parents and friends to come along and cheer on their children.

Starting time is 9:15am. Lunch is at 11:00am and field events/fun games begin at 12:00 until 1:20pm.

Bring your joggers because there will be a parents’ 100m dash.

Principal’s report continued over page ......

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS TERM 3 WEEK 7**

Congratulations to these students for demonstrating respect to self, others and the environment.

Well done: Asher and Klay

Back: Koby, Amanda, Olivia, Isaac

Front: Eve, Zac, Ella
Father’s Day Stall
Gifts for our P&C Father’s Day stall have already been purchased through our P&C.

Many thanks to Letitia Towers for organising this. The stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September. Parent helpers will be required on the day to help coordinate the selling of gifts. Best wishes to all of our dads for this Sunday.

Thank you for your support and have a great week,
Danielle Haywood
Principal (Relieving)

MOVE-A-THON
Thank you the community members and businesses who have generously supported our Move-a-thon by becoming a major sponsor. Our confirmed major sponsors are: Towers Mini Storage, Ray Towers Carpets, The Italian Joint, Darren Jones Welding, CR Steel Fabrications, Rob from Chemsave Mullumbimby, Julianne and Stephen Wards Landscape Supplies, Cobbers Child Care Centre, Tony Carsberg Holden, Mullumbimby Rural coop, Professionals Mullumbimby, McDonald’s Bakery Mullumbimby, Mullumbimby Reliable Removals. Keep your eye on this space to find out our other major sponsors. The donations made by the major sponsors assist with the purchase of the prizes, which will be advised in the coming weeks.

If you would like to become a major sponsor or are able to provide other prizes please see the office, Mrs Haywood, Mr Towner or Mrs Austin. Alternatively you may email Mrs Austin amy.austin10@det.nsw.edu.au with details of your sponsorship.

We are starting to collect minor prizes to be given to the children either in our big draw or as prizes for best dressed, most laps walked and/or ‘spot’ prizes. These prizes are usually donations of goods eg toys, pens, pencils, rulers, drink bottles, caps, balloons, stickers, lollies etc. If you are able to donate or organise the donations of such goods please bring them to school before the end of week 7. Some families give cash donations which also help us to provide a wide range of prizes for the children.

At the moment we have received goods from Mark & Clare Mathison, Ian & Jodi Mathison, Mullumbimby Newsagency, Mullum Instyle Living, Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop, The Bookshop, NAB Mullumbimby, Woolworths, Video Ezy, Byron Bay Council, Wards, Bridglands Better Home Mullumbimby and Soul Pattinson Chemist.

Last Monday the children were given their sponsorship cards so they can start collecting sponsors. Sponsorship can be an amount per lap or a donation (most people give a donation). Children are advised to have parent supervision when asking for sponsorship in the community. Children receive a ticket in the major draw for bringing their money in and for every $5 collected. The more money raised with sponsorship gives you more chances to win the fabulous prizes.

The major prizes are: a new pushbike, an iPad mini (16GB), a X100 action camera and a Playstation 3.

MOVE-A-THON THEME: Multicultural theme as the rest of the day will be spent participating in multicultural activities.

Yr 6 Excursion
The year 6 excursion medical and consent forms are due back on Monday 7th September. Thank you to those who have returned them already. Final payments are due by the last day of term - Friday 18th September. Peter Towner.

SRC News and Upcoming Events
This Tuesday, 1st September, the SRC is holding a fundraiser for Nepal. We are hoping to spell out the word NEPAL in gold coins so please help us by sending a few goldies for this worthwhile cause.

Bu Marshall is visiting Nepal during these holidays and she will be taking the money to give to a school in Katmandu.

The SRC support one charitable organisation per term, next term we will be doing a fundraiser for our local WIRES. Our next disco is on Thursday, 10th September and the theme is book characters.

Kinder and Stage 1 – 5.30 til 6.45 then Stage 2 & 3 is from 7 till 8.30. Admission is $4.

The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle.

CANTEEN NEWS
FRIDAY: Banana smoothies $1
ASSISTANTS: Janet Brittain & Bridgete Watkins

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Open Wednesday 8:30am to 9:15am
Donations of second hand uniforms greatly appreciated.
School hats $5.00 each available from the front office as well. Email: mpsuniforms@yahoo.com.au
Athletes off to State

Last Friday our talented athletes took part in the North Coast PSSA Athletics Carnival at Riverview Park Lismore. Mullumbimby achieved outstanding results at this level:

Hani Addis won the junior boys high jump, jumping 1.27 m. This is a fantastic effort to win an event at the North Coast championship.

Raife McKenzie came 3rd in the same event also jumping 1.27m. Both boys jumped personal bests and are off to the state carnival.

The junior boys relay team of Hani, Cooper, Jonny, and Tom were the 4th fastest qualifiers for the final and ran superbly in the final to finish 3rd which qualifies them for the state championships in Sydney on the 14th and 15th October.

Cooper Nelson went very very close to qualifying for state in the 9yr boys 100m. He finished 4th in the final but unfortunately only the first three qualify. Close!

Cooper also finished 6th in the junior boys long jump.

Amos Esau came 5th in the whole of the North Coast region in the senior boys shot put. This is another fantastic result.

Congratulations to all our fantastic athletes and good luck to those who have qualified for state.

Peter Towner

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Disco

Thursday, 10th September

Kinder & Stage 1 5.30 til 6.45
Stage 2 & 3 7pm til 8.30

Bring your favourite Book Character to life! $4

Sausage sizzle available
Camp Goodenough

On Wednesday stage 2 went to Camp Goodenough in Bilambil. On the way there I sat next to Kiara. It was very boring going up. When we got there we got all our things and went to find out what cabins we were in. Then we went and put all our things in them and picked which beds we were in.

The first activity my group did was Indoor Rock Climbing. It was challenging because we had to try to get to the green bar at the top. There were five different rock walls. It went from easy to hard.

The next activity my group did was Archery. I found it a bit hard to hit the target because it was very sunny. Another activity my group did was the Giant Swing. It was creepy and super fun. We had to pull the rope the other people up by the rope.

Our last activity was Crate Stacking. It was scary and fun at the same time. Jemma hurt her back on it. Ava and I missed out on Billy carts because we had to go to zone athletics.

My favourite thing at camp was the Giant Swing. Everyone is pulling you up an then when you pull the rope you suddenly drop, then you feel like you are falling but at the same time you feel like you are flying over the cliff.

When you wash the dishes and you are not one of the first one of the five people all this disgusting food is squished up in the tubs.

The thing that was challenging was rock climbing because you have to try to get the green bar at the top. The handles were small so you would slip and hang. I learnt how to put two different types of harnesses on. Next time I need to put one on I can put it on by myself. We had to think in every activity. We also had to think about how we behaved and how we acted.

A new and improved activity would be called Sand Sled. You would go on the top of a sand hill and sit on a sled with a friend and slide down the hill. It would be so fun and fast going down the hill. Camp was a time I will never forget.

By Menna Davies
Camp Goodenough Reflection

On Wednesday morning stage 2 left to go to camp. When we got there we found out which cabins we were in. First I did billy carts. I loved the big swing and crate stacking. We also did rock climbing, archery and crazy frog dodge.

That night for dinner we had lasagne and salad. For dessert we had apple crumble and ice-cream. In our cabin we couldn’t get to sleep.

The next morning we had cereal, toast, fruit and bacon and cheese muffins for breakfast. That day I did rock climbing, archery and the big swing. In rock climbing I made it to the top on the middle one and on the big swing I went from the top on my first go. That night I was on kitchen duty with May, Bianca, Jada, Jasmine, Jasmine, Zara, Pia and Madison.

On Friday my last activity was crate stacking. I got 18 crates. For lunch we had a yummy sausage sizzle.

The big swing was really good when you let go and swung over the cliff. I liked crate stacking because it was fun and challenging. Crate stacking was also positive.

In archery it was really hard to pull the bow back. I think they made us shoot too far.

In crate stacking they really made us think. I learnt how to put a harness on.

I think in billy carts we should have got more time to drive them around. My new activity would be building a raft and sailing it across water. I think this would be for years 4, 5 and 6. I would like that you could float on the raft. I would be worried about floating away. Camp Goodenough is the best camp ever - 5 stars!!!!!

By Kiara
Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect the Environment
Positive Behaviour for Learning

SILVER

Hamish Merrell
Sienna Archibald
Ruben Polo-Angeli
Rubee Rose
Mia McKenzie
Kiani Nages
Madison Keough
Jake McDonald

INDI

Indianna Donnelly
Amelia Thomas
Asher Cook
Ella Thomas
Rocket Brennan
Isabelle Archibald

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Bella Kotroni
Harry Graham

Jakob McClendon
Lev Cohen
Finn Brittain
Monet Shortland
Phoenix Thomas
Tahlia Nages
Ochre
Barnden-Panton
Bell Chumchoiei
Ella Archibald
Jasmine Da Costa
Menna Davies
Bianca Cameron
Jada Nages
May Nages

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

SWIMMING LESSONS: Have your children swimming well this summer? Time to book them into Swim For Your Life swim school in Billinudgel. Indoor heated pools with Austswim qualified and experienced instructors. Phone: 6680 1614

AFTER SCHOOL AND VACATION CARE:
This service is Government subsidised & operates Mon-Fri (3.00pm-6pm) during School Term & Holidays (8am-6pm). Contact Jamie or Zahra: Ph: 0437 860 614.

MULLUMBIMBY PUBLIC SCHOOL:

“Playgroup” for Parents and kids (under school age). Every Tuesday morning 9am-11am, during school terms. Join us for a relaxed and friendly morning of interaction and fun activities for the kids.

All enquiries are welcome.
PAST NOW FUTURE

an exhibition of research, art and writing by children and young people

Exhibition Dates and Openings

August 21st to August 27th Banora Point High School Library (opens August 21st at 11 am)
August 28th to September 3rd Kyogle Public Library (opens August 28th at 4pm)
September 4th to September 10th Ballina Public Library (opens September 4th at 4pm)
September 11th to September 17th Lennox Public Library (opens September 17th at 4pm)
September 25th to October 1st Byron Public Library (opens September 25th at 4pm)
September 18th to September 24th Lismore Public Library (opens September 18th at 4pm)
October 13th to October 31st SCU Lismore Learning Centre (opens October 16th at 5pm)

All openings will feature children and young people speaking about their experiences as researchers on the project.

For more information go to: www.climatechangeandme.com.au or contact david.rousell@scu.edu.au
Water: did you know:

- 85% of a child’s body weight is water.
- The human brain is 75% water; a living tree is also 75% water.
- There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!
- Water regulates the Earth’s temperature. It also regulates the temperatures of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.
- Although the average person can live for about one month without food, we can only survive about a week without water.

Drink water: it’s Cool!